Boosting agricultural production

†3338. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of plans to boost agricultural production at rural level, keeping in view the competition in agricultural sector;

(b) whether the rural youths/women, agricultural labourers/farmers are imparted proper advice/consultation/training; and

(c) if so, the names of districts in Bihar where these training centres are functioning and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The major schemes implemented by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation to boost the agricultural production in the country are:—

1. Macro Management in Agriculture.

2. On-farm Water Management.

3. Technology Mission on Oilseeds and Pulses.

4. Technology Mission on Horticulture Development in North-Eastern States.

5. National Horticulture Board Programmes.

6. Establishment of Agri-clinics.

7. National Agriculture Insurance Scheme.

(b) and (c) There are 14 Krishi Vigyan Kendras established by the Indian Council of Agriculture Research in Bihar State. These centres are located in the districts of Munger, Banka, Saharasa, Begusarai, Barh, Nalanda, Shekhupura, Vaishali, Muzzaffarpur, Bhojpur, Nawadah, Kaimur, Jamui and Mandhubani. These centres provide skill training and other extension activities to the farmers including rural youths and women etc. to accelerate the process of dissemination of technologies. Besides there is also provision in the ongoing schemes implemented by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation to impart the training, demonstrations, materials etc. to farmers.

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